

CHAPTER 5 Thos. Scott to Sarah Cook

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Thos. P. Scott and wife, Mary Jane Spencer Scott

To

Sarah J. Cook

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160 acres \$300 May 1858

Living with her brother, George, this must be when she divorced David. Sarah and her kids are with her brother in 1850. Line 31. Where did Sarah get money to buy land? Inheritance? Divorce settlement? And what's her connection to Thomas Scott?

United States Census, 1850 for George W Sells

Name:

George W Sells

Residence:

Columbus, ward 4, Franklin, Ohio

Age: 24 years

Calculated Birth Year: 1826

George W Sells M 24y

Rebecca Sells F 21y

Sarah J Foreman F 25y

Deshler D Foreman M 6y

Laura B Foreman F 3y

Matilda Gaines F 16 y

But when she marries Thomas in 1852 she is listed Sarah Sells.

Ohio Marriages, 1803-1900

Name: Cook, Thomas

Spouse: Sells, Sarah

Marriage Date: 9 Jan 1852

County: Franklin

State: OH

Source Information:

Jordan Dodd, Liahona Research. Ohio Marriages, 1803-1900 [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2001. Original data: See extended description for original data sources listed by county.

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SCHEDULE I.—Free Inhabitants in 4th Ward Columbus **in the County of** Licking **State**
of Ohio **enumerated by me, on the** 16th **day of** Oct **1850.** A. B. Ruttle Ass't Marshal 258

1	2	3	DESCRIPTION.			7	8	9	10 11 12			13
			Age.	Sex.	White, black, or mulatto.				Married within the year.	Attended School within the year.	Persons over 20 yrs of age who cannot read & write.	
265	314	Wm J. Giddings	35	M		Druggist		O				1
288	306	Emmep	32	F		"		"				2
		Harry C. "	1	M				"				3
		Frank. Ogden	18	"		Clerk		"				4
	315	John M. Kinney	25	"		Saloonkeeper		"				5
	307	Angeline "	17	F				"				6
		Laura "	1	"				"				7
		Jane Ogden	57	"				Pa				8
		Chas Miles	30	M		Druggist		O				9
266	316	John Richards	50	"		Painter	2000	Wales				10
287	308	Hannah "	27	F				"				11
		Mary "	26	"				"				12
		Elizabeth "	21	"				"				13
		Hannah "	18	"				"				14
		Margt "	16	"				O				15
		Thos "	8	M				"			1	16
		Wesley "	5	"				"			1	17
		Lucy "	2	F				"				18
267	317	Robt Hodge	32	M	B	Shoemaker	300	Ky				19
288	309	Mary "	30	F	"			Va				20
		Edwin "	14	M	"			"			1	21
		Ashton "	5	"	"			O				22
		Mary "	6	F	"			"				23
		Lucy A "	2	"	"			"			1	24
		Martha Miller	29	"	"			Va			1	25
268	318	George Green	34	M	"	Laborer		"				26
288	320	Nancy "	30	F	"			"			1	27
		Clara "	8	"	"			O			1	28
		Albert "	6	M	"			"				29
		James "	1	"	"			"				30
269	319	George W. Sells	24	M		Clerk		"				31
		Rebecca "	21	F				"				32
		Sarah S. Foreman	25	"				"				33
		Deskle D. "	6	M				"			1	34
		Laura B. "	3	F				"				35
		Matilda Faines	16	"				"				36
270	320	Narrison Armstrong	25	M		Laborer		"				37
288	322	Charlotte "	18	F				"				38
		Lezemiab "	1	M				"				39
		Theodore Luntley	20	"		Laborer		Pa				40
		Catharine "	17	F				Ohio				41

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#269/319 George W. Sells & Rebecca must be Rebecca Ann. I can't find any other possibility.
 And still in Ohio in 1850.

1852	Thomas Cook and Sarah Selley	The State of Ohio Franklin County ss. I certify that I this day solemnized the marriage of Thomas Cook with Sarah Selley Witness my hand this 9th day of January 1852 J. F. Pouch J. P.
Jan 10	John M. Smith and Elizabeth Smith	
Jan 12	Edward Andrew and Magdaline Waters	The State of Ohio Franklin County ss. I certify that I this day solemnized the marriage of Edward Andrew with Magdaline Waters Witness my hand this 12th day of January 1852 William Karry
Jan 13	James W. Dennison and Catherine Ward	The State of Ohio Franklin County ss. I certify that I this day solemnized the marriage of James W. Dennison with Catherine Ward Witness my hand this 13th day of Jan- 1852 Benj. Williams J. P.
Jan 13	Abner Andrews and Mary Westervelt	The State of Ohio Franklin County ss. I certify that I this day solemnized the marriage of Abner Andrews with Mary Westervelt Witness my hand this 13th day of January 1852 John C. Bright J. P.
Jan 13	John Temple and Lydia Smith	The State of Ohio Franklin County ss. I certify that I this day solemnized the marriage of John Temple with Lydia Smith. Witness my hand this 18th day of January 1852. Nathan Woods J. P.
Jan 13	John Bonnard and Qually Andrews	The State of Ohio Franklin County ss. I certify that I this day solemnized the marriage of John Bonnard with Qually Andrews Witness my hand this 18th day of January 1852 Nathan Woods

Thomas and Sarah are the first entry on the page.

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Deed
Know all men by these presents, that we
Thomas Scott and Mary J. Scott his wife of
Benton County, State of Iowa, in consideration
of the sum of Three hundred Dollars
in hand paid by Sarah J. Cook of Benton County, State of
Iowa do hereby sell and convey unto the said Sarah J. Cook
the undivided one half (1/2) of the following described premises
situated in the county of Franklin, State of Iowa to wit:
The North West quarter of Section number eight (8) in Town-
ship number thirty two (32) North of Range number twenty
one (21) West of the 5th P.M. Containing one hundred and
sixty acres more or less. And we do hereby covenant with
the said Sarah J. Cook that we are lawfully seized of said
premises; that they are free from incumbrance; that we
have good right and lawful authority to sell the same and
we do here covenant to warrant and defend the said premises
against the lawful claims of all persons whomsoever. In witness
whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seal, this 5th day of May 1855
In presence of
James Wood
State of Iowa }
Benton County }
I do certify, that before me, James Wood
a Notary Public, in and for said county
personally appeared the above named Thomas Scott and Mary
J. Scott his wife, personally known to me to be the identical
persons whose names are affixed to the above arrangement
as grantors and acknowledged the same to be their voluntary
act and deed for the purposes therein mentioned. Given
under my hand and Notarial Seal of office at Benton, this
5th day of May A. D. 1855.
James Wood Notary Public
Benton County

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Deed
Know all men by these presents, that we
Thomas P. Cook and Sarah J. Cook
his wife, of Benton County, State of
Iowa in consideration of the sum of
Three hundred and Fifty Dollars, in hand paid by George
W. Sells of Benton County, State of Iowa in consideration
of the sum of Three hundred and fifty Dollars, in hand
paid by George W. Sells do hereby sell and convey unto
the said George W. Sells the undivided one half of the
following described premises, situated in the county
of Franklin State of Iowa to wit: The North West
quarter of Section number eight (8) in Township
number thirty two (32) North of Range number twenty
one (21) West of the 5th P.M. Containing one hundred
and sixty acres more or less and we hereby

to George W. Sells
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1/2 NW
Sec. 8

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1860 United States Federal Census
 Name: Sarah Jane Cook
 Age in 1860: 35
 Birth Year: abt 1825
 Birthplace: Ohio
 Home in 1860: Taylor, Benton, Iowa
 Gender: Female
 Post Office: Vinton
 Value of real estate: View image
 Household Members: Name Age
 Thomas P Cook 32
 Sarah J Cook 35
 Lara (Foreman) Cook 12
 Deshla M (Foreman) Cook 15 (Listed on census as Male)
 Frank S Cook 3

Source Citation: Year: 1860; Census Place: Taylor, Benton, Iowa; Roll: M653_311; Page: 847; Image: 461; Family History Library Film: 803311. Source Information: Ancestry.com. 1860 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2009. Images reproduced by FamilySearch. Original data: 1860 U.S. census, population schedule. NARA microfilm publication M653, 1,438 rolls. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d. Description: This database is an index to individuals enumerated in the 1860 United States Federal Census, the Eighth Census of the United States. Census takers recorded many details including each person's name, age as of the census day, sex, color; birthplace, occupation of males over age fifteen, and more. No relationships were shown between members of a household. Additionally, the names of those listed on the population schedule are linked to actual images of the 1860 Federal Census.

Thomas was Sarah's second husband. She had been married to David S. Forman and had the two children, Lara and Deshla D. with him. I started to investigate David but found too many and none were exactly right. One came real close but there were 2 more children than what Sarah had.

Name: David Forman
 Event: Marriage
 Event Date: 17 Sep 1841
 Spouse: Sarah Jane Sells

The children's names listed were correct for Sarah's first two children. I guess I will include it in this chapter although I don't know if it belongs. I suspect Charlotte and Ida are from David's second marriage to Matilda A Ann Kirkendahl. That is, IF I have the right people. The family tree for this family seems a bit off.

David Smith Forman ForemanWheeler/Whitenack Family Tree
 Birth: 1818 - Ithaca, Tompkins, New York
 Marriage: 17 Sep 1841 - Columbus, Franklin, Ohio
 Death: 30 Jun 1899 - Windsor, Henry, Missouri
 Parents: John Forman
 Spouse: Sarah Jane Sells
 Sarah Jane Sells 1824 – 1903
 David Deshler Forman Foreman 1845 – 1938
 Laura Belle Forman 1847 – 1872
 Charlotte Lottie Forman 1856 –
 Ida Forman 1858 –

94	✓ <i>Abel, John</i> By <i>Samuel Hoge</i>	March 17 th 1835 By <i>James Hoge</i>	95	✓ <i>Daniel J. Hain</i> By <i>Lynn Geringer</i>	July 3 rd 1842 By <i>A. Monroe M.S.</i>
10	✓ <i>William Hewitt</i> By <i>James H. Hutton</i>	Nov. 25 th 1839 By <i>James Hoge</i>	17	✓ <i>John N. Jones</i> By <i>Lucas H. Case</i>	April 22 1842 By <i>A. Monroe</i>
11	✓ <i>James P. Hain</i> By <i>Angeline Huppel</i>	March 25 th 1840 By <i>James Hoge M.S.</i>	18	✓ <i>Henry H. Hering</i> By <i>Jane Brown</i>	2 nd May 1842 By <i>J. M. Huppel</i>
12	✓ <i>Charles H. Hering</i> By <i>Margaret Brown</i>	April 22 nd 1841 By <i>James Hoge M.S.</i>	19	✓ <i>M. H. H. Hering</i> By <i>Joseph H. H. H.</i>	September 14 th 1842 By <i>A. Monroe M.S.</i>
13	✓ <i>John H. H.</i> By <i>James H. Hutton</i>	March 15 th 1841 By <i>James H. Hutton</i>	20	✓ <i>Jonathan H. H.</i> By <i>James H. Hutton</i>	Sept. 22 nd 1842 By <i>James H. Hutton</i>
14	✓ <i>Thomas H. H.</i> By <i>James H. Hutton</i>	July 9, 1841 By <i>A. J. H. H. H.</i>	21	✓ <i>Miles H. H.</i> By <i>James H. Hutton</i>	Nov. 10 th 1842 By <i>J. M. Huppel</i>
15	✓ <i>David H. H.</i> By <i>Sarah H. H.</i>	Sept. 17 th 1841 By <i>James H. Hutton M.S.</i>	22	✓ <i>George H. H.</i> By <i>James H. Hutton</i>	Jan. 2 nd 1843 By <i>J. M. Huppel</i>
16	✓ <i>John H. H.</i> By <i>James H. Hutton</i>	Sept. 15 th 1841 By <i>James H. Hutton M.S.</i>	23	✓ <i>Phantom H. H.</i> By <i>James H. Hutton</i>	April 5 th 1842 By <i>James H. Hutton</i>

David and Sarah #15. Sept. 17, 1841

Sarah Sells has a brother George W. and a father Elijah B. Sells. See more about them in chapters 6 and 9.

And then the mystery is solved. Thomas is a speculator. Iowa census 1856. Deshla is now D. McKenzie. No other children listed with them. They were married in 1852 so I'm surprised.

CENSUS-YEAR: 1856				STATE: Iowa				COUNTY: Benton				DIVISION: Taylor Twp, Vinton Town			
ENUMERATOR: [unknown]				ENUM DATE: [unknown]				MICROFILM: HQ# V221-8, FHL #1021291				NBR			
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OCCUPATION				VOTER	VOTER	ALIENS	MIL	DUMB	BLIND	INSANE	IDIOTIC	LAND	PAUPER	REMARKS	
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44	36	99	113	Thomas P.		Cook			29	M	.	X	.	1	Ohio
Speculator				X	.	.	X	X	.	.
44	37	99	113	Sarah J.		Cook			30	F	.	X	.	1	Ohio
			
44	38	99	113	D. McKenzie		Cook			11	M	.	.	.	1	Ohio
			
44	39	99	113	Laura B.		Cook			8	F	.	.	.	1	Ohio
			
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Notes:

FRANKLIN CO NEWSPAPERS:

Hampton Franklin County Recorder Weekly News & politics 1859

Hampton Hampton Chronicle Weekly News & politics 1873

Sheffield Sheffield Press Weekly News & politics 1880

Presidents:

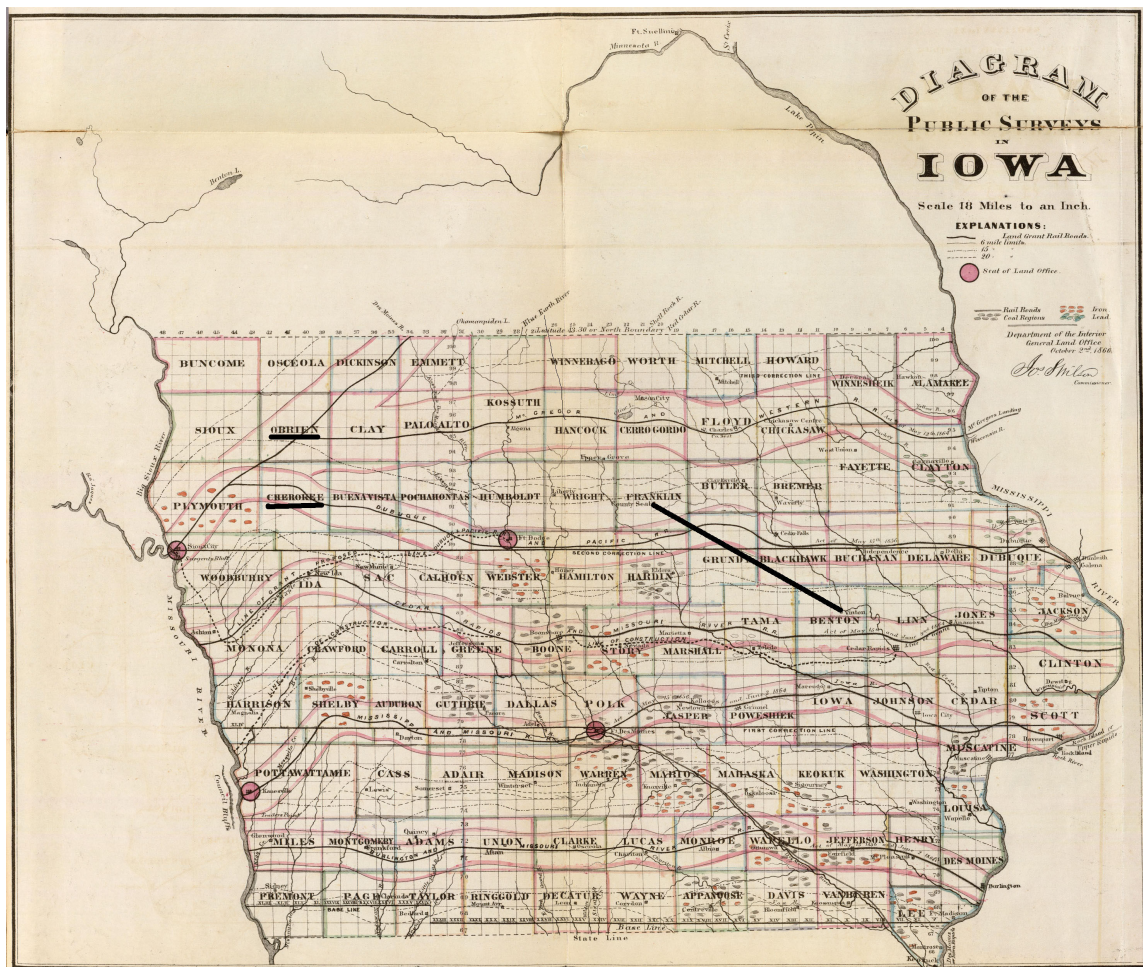
13 Fillmore, Millard (1850-1853)

14 Pierce, Franklin (1853-1857)

15 Buchanan, James (1857-1861)

16 Lincoln, Abraham (1861-1865)

Still no Rail Road here. Just Indians. Everyone is living in Benton County, 100 highway miles from here in 2011.





D. W. DOW, PIONEER LAWYER,
IN 1860 —HOW HAMPTON LOOKED IN 1859.

Over a half century ago, or to be explicit, in the summer of 1859, D. W. Dow, a young man just admitted to the practice of law and seeking a location where his abilities would be sought and an ambitious spirit appeased, came to Hampton, the county seat of Franklin, then four years old. He found a little settlement of probably seventy-five people and not over twenty houses all told. The outlook was not very flattering to a young and aspiring lawyer; for clients were scarce, the country was new and sparsely settled ; of money there was little. But the intrepid and hopeful new citizen of the growing village made the best of the situation. He remained, became a prominent member of the local bar, was elected to an important office, and before retiring from an active, honorable business career was intrusted with many positions of trust and responsibility. Before laying aside the cares and strifes of the able lawyer and public man, he efficiently and satisfactorily served the county three terms in the State Legislature.

Mr. Dow was born in Washtenaw county, Michigan, in 1836, and the reader can see that this nestor of the bar is now past the biblical allotment to man of years upon earth. But he is still strong mentally, and his memory is almost incredibly keen and accurate. Consenting to an interview, this kindly old gentleman gave the writer the attached details relating to the county, Hampton and certain of the early settlers as he saw them :

"When but a lad I moved with my parents from Washtenaw county, Michigan, to Wisconsin. We located in Prairieville, a town near Milwaukee, and now known as Waukesha, but soon thereafter the family moved to Whiteside county, Illinois, where I was raised. I attended the public schools until sixteen years of age, after which, to obtain means for a more extended education, I worked on farms

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in the summer and with the money paid my way at the academy in Lee Center, Lee county, Illinois. While a student in the academy, another young man and myself read law in our room in a farm house where we kept 'bachelor's hall.' Following this, I was taken into the law office of C. J. Johnson, at Morrison, Illinois, and before the required time for reading had expired, I applied for admission to the bar and passed a successful examination before the supreme court of the state. However, I returned to Johnson's law office and read six months longer. In the spring of 1859, with the other law students, I went to DeWitt, in Clinton county, Iowa, and stood an examination under Judge John Dillon.

"On the 5th day of July, 1859, I arrived in Franklin county. I left Illinois, with others, in a wagon with a team of horses, having with me books and other necessities. On July 4th we traveled from Sumner to Waverly. It started to rain, and there being no houses between the Wapsipinicon river and Waverly, we traveled straight across the prairie. The rain turned to snow, which fell to a depth of all of four inches, but it melted before we got to Waverly, This was a phenomenon I had never seen before nor since, of a snow of that depth in July. The night of the snow we stayed at Shell Rock and the next day reached Hampton.

"When I arrived at Hampton I found a town of perhaps some seventy-five people, men, women and children, and perhaps fifteen or twenty houses. The latter included the Hampton House, then standing on Fourth street between Reeve and Main streets, on the site of the present Rule Hotel. It was a frame building, a story and a half in height. Doctor Guthrie was the boniface. Just west of this building was a general store, in a frame structure, one story high. The proprietors were T. B. and H. H. Carpenter, of Cedar Falls. There was another general store on Main street, where the Carnegie Library now stands. This was kept by W. G. Beed and James Thompson. Still north of that building was a boot and shoe store and cobbler shop. Here Norman Lisk had a stock of boots and shoes. There was a blacksmith shop standing on the corner of Second and Reeve streets, run by George Thompson. Andy Cannam kept the hotel in a log cabin, with a frame addition, on another corner of Second and Reeve.

"I found the Hampton Reporter already established and being edited by S. M. Jones. The office was in a one-story frame building, unplastered and with one room. It stood on the site now occupied by the Baptist church. Stephen M. Jones and M. S. Bowman

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were the proprietors and at that time the paper was known as the Franklin Record. During the Civil war there was not a blacksmith shop and no store in the town. There were a few groceries, however, kept by one Nixon.

"Upon my arrival here I stopped at the old Hampton House on Fourth street, established an office, put in books and held out as a lawyer. My first client was quite a liberal fellow. He paid me for my services in watermelons. His was the only case I had until in the winter, and before I had another client I was compelled to go to work at my old trade — carpentering. I had before coming here taught eight terms of school and in the winter of 1859-60 took the Richards district school at Mayne's Grove. I had two cases that winter, before justices of the peace, one at Allen's Grove before a Scotch justice, and one at Maysville. At the latter place I defended a fellow accused of stealing some gloves, coats and other things. He

was convicted and fined, as he should have been. The other case was one of replevin, where the title to a batch of hogs was in question. It was brought before the Scotchman, referred to above, and the lawyer opposing me w^{as} one Jamison, from the grove of that name. Jamison had brought the suit. I had filed my answer to his complaint, when he filed a half dozen motions and demurrers to it. In the trial, which was held in a log house, it got to be along after night, when Jamison became dreadfully abusive; but I had been taught by my preceptors never to permit myself to become angry in the court room, and practiced upon that theory. But when Jamison at last called me some nasty name, I took the statute, banged him over the head with it and knocked him into a corner of the cabin. When he got up, the justice, in his Scotch brogue, said: 'Hit him again; d — n him, he needs it.' But it was not necessary to further chastise my opponent. The justice had reached the limit of his patience, and declared, 'To h — 1 with your demurrers and your motions; I'm going to try this case,' and he did try it in his own way; bringing it to a close in about a half hour.

"After this winter term of school closed, I took my wages for teaching and put the money into a stock of goods with W. G. Beed, and carried on the store for the firm one season. There was no law business to amount to anything. The store was located in the block now occupied by the public library.

MARION TOWNSHIP

Marion township was originally a part of Washington township as first laid out. It was organized as a separate subdivision of the county in the spring of 1874. The first election was held at the house of John Neft in the fall of the year mentioned. The officers elected were: Trustees, John Menning, George Shaver and James Riddle; assessor, G. R. Miner; clerk, G. R. Miner.

This township is bounded on the north by Richland; on the east by Mott; on the south by Hamilton; and on the west by Scott. The land is of a rich, productive quality, gently rolling and but little of it that is not tillable. Tharp's creek and Spring creek are the natural sources of drainage. Tharp's creek rises on section 6 and taking an easterly course leaves the township at section i. Spring creek enters on section 19 and makes its exit on section 24. There is some little timber. The township has one railroad — the Iowa Central — now controlled by the Minneapolis & St. Louis. It crosses the southern part of the township and has a station on section 19, called Latimer.

The date of the first settlement in Marion township has been lost to the historian of this locality. It is known, however, that the three families named Finney, Scheidler and Howard settled here and made the first attempt at farming in this locality. They remained a short time and left for some other part of the country.

Henry Haecker located in Marion township in 1864. His son, T. H. Haecker, came with him. The latter became prominent in county affairs; was elected county superintendent of schools in 1882 and held the office for ten years. He was postmaster at Hampton under McKinley's administration and died while in office.

Gideon Lumley was also a settler of 1864. He was born in Canada in 1847, and at the age of seventeen came to Franklin county, settling in Mott township, and upon locating in Marion township chose sections 1 and 2 for a home. In 1868 Mr. Lumley married Laura E. Riddle, daughter of one of the early settlers.

John Menning chose a good farm in Marion township and moved on to it in April, 1870. He purchased 160 acres of land on section 13, at \$7.50 an acre, which by good judgment and unlimited industry

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he brought up to a fine state of cultivation. Mr. Menning became a [^]taid and valuable citizen, holding several local offices at various times.

George Shaver came from Ackley and settled on section 12, in 1873, remaining there a number of years and making a fine farm of his purchase.

Frederick Rodemeyer, G. R. Miner and James Riddle chose Marion township for their future homes in the early '70s, and soon thereafter their neighbors increased quite rapidly. By 1876 there were over one hundred voters in the township.

James S. Riddle was a native of New York, who in 1851 got the Western fever and came to Grinnell, Iowa. The year 1864 found him in Franklin county and after living in several parts of it he finally purchased land and settled in this township. Mr. Riddle soon took a high place among his neighbors as a man and citizen.

Frederick Rodemeyer was born in Hanover, Germany. He came to America in 1865 and settled in Illinois. He found his way to Franklin county in 1874, at which time he bought and located on forty acres of land on section 34, in Marion township. Mr. Rodemeyer was a very industrious, frugal and thrifty man, and with these qualifications had no difficulty in taking a high place in the affairs of the community.

Herman Missman was born in Germany, came to America with his parents when eight years of age and settled in Pennsylvania. He was brought up on a farm in Illinois and in 1865 coming to Iowa located in Osceola township, where he lived until 1876. In that year he removed to Marion township, purchased 160 acres of good land on section 22 and made it his permanent home.

Heinrich Meyer came from the fatherland when nineteen years old, first stopping upon his arrival in the land of the free at Cincinnati. In 1876 he located on eighty acres of land on section 15, which he had purchased.

Henry Rodemeyer came from Germany to the United States in 1854 and located at Chicago. He enlisted in the Fifty-fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry and served four years in the Civil war. He was a resident of Waterloo from 1869 until 1876, when he came to Franklin county and bought land on section 26, Marion township.

John Wohlford, with his wife, Catherine, and family, emigrated from Illinois to Franklin county in 1877 and purchased eighty

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acres of land on section 36, in Marion township. At the time his son, Emanuel H. Wohlford, came with him.

Ludwig F. Grassley came with his family from Germany to the United States in 1857. They arrived in Franklin county in 1877 and at that time Mr. Grassley bought 120 acres of land on section 14, this township. Mr. Grassley became a good citizen and neighbor.

Frederick Behn emigrated from Germany to America in 1871 and located in Cook county, Illinois. He found his way to Franklin county in 1877, when he bought 160 acres of land on section 11, in this township. He was a good farmer, interested himself in the affairs of the community and was always looked upon as a faithful, loyal citizen.

Johan Fredericks settled here in 1878. He was a native of Germany who emigrated to the United States in 1854, coming with his parents. Mr. Fredericks served his adopted country in the Civil

war and in the year stated became a citizen of Franklin county, locating in Marion township,

H. A. Clock was a native of Ohio who moved to Illinois when eight years of age with his parents. Coming to Iowa before the war to visit a brother, H. C. Clock, who had located in Geneva, he remained in the village of Geneva as a clerk in his brother's store until 1881, when he removed to Latimer and established a mercantile establishment under the firm name of Clock & Clock.

William J. Bennington, whose native state was Illinois, settled in Marion township in 1880. In 1883 he removed to the village of Latimer, where he engaged in the farm implement business.

Henry Muhlenbruch, born in Germany, emigrated to the United States in 1873 and in 1882 settled on section 35, in Marion township.

The first school taught in this community was by George Miner, in a building erected for the purpose on section i, in 1874. The next school building was erected on section 13, in 1877.

Reverend McCord preached the first sermon in Marion township at the schoolhouse on section i and soon thereafter Reverend Schmidt preached in German. For several years thereafter the various religious societies not being strong enough in numbers and for lack of sufficient funds, held their meetings in schoolhouses.

Ending this chapter today November 13, 2011